

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for the acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claims 6, 10-12, and 14-19.

As a second preliminary matter, claims 6, 10, and 14 stand objected to for informalities. Claim 10 has been cancelled without prejudice herein, rendering the objection thereto now moot. With respect to independent claims 6 and 14, Applicants respectfully traverse the objection because neither of these claims includes any informalities. Although Applicants appreciate the Examiner's suggestion to incorporate all of the limitations from claims 16 and 18 into these independent claims, neither of claims 6 and 14 require such additional limitations to be patentable.

Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's assertion that claims 6 and 14 are necessarily drawn to only "a self-standing liquid crystal display device," or that "the hinge mechanism must be mounted to a mount and making (sic) the liquid crystal panel stand." (Emphasis added). Applicants submit that the Examiner has not accurately interpreted the present invention, but instead has merely identified one preferred embodiment of the present invention. A preferred embodiment, however, does not need to be recited in every independent claim, and particularly when the Application as originally filed clearly showed that "self-standing" features only appeared in some, but not all, of the independent claims.

The Examiner can also see that the several embodiments described throughout the present Specification share many common features and principles. Accordingly, one of ordinary skill in the art should be able to understand that the subject matter of independent

claims 6 and 14 applies to a liquid crystal display device that can be either self-standing (as was featured in dependent claims 10, 16, and 18), or not. The patentability of claims 6 and 14 is not dependent on how many different embodiments may or may not utilize such features. Accordingly, Applicants submit that independent claims 6 and 14 are in condition for immediate allowance in their present form, as they were last amended in Amendment I, filed May 8, 2006.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application, including claims 6, 10-12, and 14-19, is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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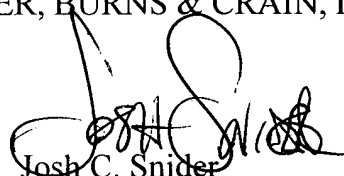
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